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In re Application of: David Cook Group No. 1651
Serial No. 09/912,031 Examiner: F. Prats
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INACTIVATORS IN BIOLOGICAL MATERIALS

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 17, 2002 for which a response was due December 17, 2002. A Petition for a one month Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are enclosed, thus extending the time for response to January 17, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending. Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 11 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as being anticipated by Platz et al, U.S. Patent 5,418,130. Claims 1-12, 14, 15 and 18-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (e) (2) as being anticipated by Cook et al, U.S. Patent 6,093,725. Claims 1-17 are rejected under 25 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Platz et al, U.S. Patent 5,418,130. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Cook et al, U.S. Patent 6,093,725. Claims 1-20 are rejected under obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-117 of U.S. Patent 6,270,952 B1. Claims 1-20 are rejected under obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 20-35 of U.S. Patent 6,093,725 in view of U.S. Patent 5,418,130. In